

PARKS & RECREATION TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Introduction:

The Joint City and County Advisory Committee is trying to determine if there are potential ways the eight government entities within Seminole County can more efficiently deliver services such as Parks & Recreation by cooperating with one another and consolidating services.

It is our understanding that you are looking to us as the experts to develop and advise you of potential partnerships, perhaps by sharing the responsibilities, costs and maintenance of facilities. The goal is to come up with partnerships and alternative options that will save the taxpayer money and maximize resources.

We reviewed the following areas:

- ⇒ **Recreation Facilities Overview**
- ⇒ **Current Areas of Cooperation**
- ⇒ **Potential Lands for acquisition and development**
- ⇒ **Identify Potential Partnerships**
- ⇒ **Ideas for Consideration**

Recreation Facilities Overview:

Athletic Facilities

Baseball	
Lighted	33
Not Lighted	8
Practice	11
Basketball	
Indoor	4
Outdoor Lighted	28
Outdoor Not Lighted	15
Skating	
Hockey	1
Skate Parks	2
Pavilions	66
Pools	6
Therapeutic	1
Playgrounds	86
Splash Parks/Pad	4
Multi Purpose Fields	14
Tennis Courts	96
Racquetball	
Outdoor	27
Indoor	6
Senior Centers	6
Community Centers	9
Soccer Fields	
Lighted	10
Not Lighted	10
Softball Fields	
Lighted	24
Practice	19
Volleyball	
Outdoor	16
Indoor	5

Types of Parks

Mini Parks < 5 acres	37
Neighborhood 7 – 10 acres	41
Community 20 – 50 acres	18
Dog Parks 1 – 5 acres	2
Sports Complex	10
Trails (paved)	27
Trail Heads	11

Game Only Fields

Baseball Sanford - 1 Field
Baseball Winter Springs – 2 Fields
Soccer Seminole County – 3 Fields
Soccer Winter Springs – 4 Fields
Softball Winter Springs – 2 Fields

Current Areas Of Cooperation:

- ⇒ Altamonte Springs
 - ➔ Lake Brantley High school complex – gym & pool
 - ➔ Special Olympics – Seminole County
 - ➔ Area schools
 - ➔ Area Churches
- ⇒ Casselberry Partnerships
 - ➔ Partners with Longwood for Summer Camps
 - ➔ Area schools
 - ➔ Seminole Arts Council
 - ➔ Seminole County Trails
- ⇒ Lake Mary Partnerships
 - ➔ Partnered with Seminole County on development of Rheinhart trail
 - ➔ Use of Sanford's pool at Seminole High
 - ➔ Lake Mary with Sanford in Golden Age Games – clay tennis courts
- ⇒ Longwood Partnerships
 - ➔ Partners with Casselberry for Summer Camps
 - ➔ Lyman High School
- ⇒ Oviedo Partnerships
 - ➔ Shane Kelly Park development with Seminole County Gov
 - ➔ Area Schools
- ⇒ Sanford Partnerships
 - ➔ With Seminole High School for swimming pool
 - ➔ Sanford Golden Age games – Lake Mary's clay tennis courts
 - ➔ Altamonte Springs with Bocce
 - ➔ Millennium Middle School
 - ➔ Riverwalk Church – use of their Gym, Basketball and Summer Camp
- ⇒ Winter Springs Partnerships
 - ➔ Area Churches
 - ➔ Black hammock restroom maintenance with Seminole County on CST
 - ➔ Area schools
- ⇒ Seminole County Gov Partnerships
 - ➔ City of Oviedo on Shane Kelly Park development
 - ➔ Winter Springs with Black hammock restroom at CST Trailhead
 - ➔ School Board – turf maintenance of open field at G'wood Lakes Middle School and shared parking with Red Bug Elementary school
 - ➔ Golden Age Games with City of Sanford

Seminole Cities Recreation Council joint programming with cities and county
Multiple non profits use city and county facilities regularly

Potential Lands for acquisition and development:

- ⇒ Altamonte Springs
 - ➔ Use of Sanlando Park open space for Community Center
- ⇒ Casselberry
 - ➔ Property just outside Casselberry, San Pedro is a property of interest, 400 plus acreage
- ⇒ Lake Mary
 - ➔ Unknown
- ⇒ Longwood
 - ➔ Unknown
- ⇒ Oviedo
 - ➔ There are two acres near Round Lake Park across from Jackson Heights M.S.
 - ➔ There are 20 to 40 acres off Battle Road on the southwest side of Shane Kelly Park.
 - ➔ There are approximately 30 - 50 acres adjacent to the Oviedo Sports Complex.
 - ➔ South side of Boston Hill Park has a parcel about 10 acres
 - ➔ West side of Round Lake Park has 5 acres for sale.
 - ➔ West of Sweetwater Park and east of SR 434 are 20 to 30 acres with some wetlands that could be purchased for conservation.
- ⇒ Sanford
 - ➔ Hovnanian Park with 11 undeveloped acres.
 - ➔ The city is negotiating with the school district regarding property at Mellonville and Celery for a possible Gym/Community Center.
 - ➔ Lee P. Moore Park has 10 acres and Groveview Park has 5 acres on Lake Mary Blvd that Sanford could partner with the City of Lake Mary on improvements.
- ⇒ Winter Springs
 - ➔ Winter Springs owns 6 acres which is being utilized by the Public Works Dept at Edgemon and Moss that will become available when Public Works gets their new complex. Possible park usage
- ⇒ Seminole County
 - ➔ There is a 23 acre parcel on Upsala Rd in Seminole County off 46A at 26th Street next to 417 that is mostly usable as a park.
 - ➔ Near Lake Mills Park there are 40 – 50 acres that have been on and off the market for years.

Identify Potential Partnerships:

- ⇒ Altamonte Springs
 - ➔ Partner with Seminole County Gov for use of Sanlando and Softball Complex
- ⇒ Casselberry
 - ➔ Longwood in conjunction with Casselberry is talking to the Dog Track regarding a possible dog park at the Dog Track
 - ➔ Partner with County Trail system
 - ➔ Partner with Seminole County Gov for use of Red Bug Park
- ⇒ Lake Mary
 - ➔ Partner with Lake Mary Elementary
- ⇒ Longwood
 - ➔ Longwood in conjunction with Casselberry is talking to the Dog Track regarding a possible dog park at the Dog Track
 - ➔ To partner with Lyman H.S. and/or the City of Lake Mary and Lake Mary H.S. for a pool
 - ➔ Longwood would like a partnership with Winter Springs and Seminole County regarding Soldiers Creek Park
- ⇒ Oviedo
 - ➔ Winter Springs and Seminole County could partner on improvements to Jetta Point.
 - ➔ Oviedo and the School Board could develop a partnership at Shane Kelly Park.
 - ➔ Oviedo and Seminole County could develop an equestrian section at Shane Kelly Park.
- ⇒ Sanford
 - ➔ Future joint use agreement with Seminole County may be possible regarding Sylvan Lake Park.
 - ➔ Sanford is interested in a partnership with the school district regarding property at Mellonville and Celery for a gym/community center.
 - ➔ Lake Mary and Sanford could potentially share use of park lands.
- ⇒ Winter Springs
 - ➔ Winter Springs would like a partnership with Longwood and Seminole County regarding Soldiers Creek Park
 - ➔ Oviedo and Seminole County could partner on improvements to Jetta Point.
- ⇒ Seminole County
 - ➔ Provide infrastructure for online (computerized) program registration and facility booking for all recreation activities.
 - ➔ Partner with cities for development and operations of future park lands.

Ideas for consideration:

- ⇒ Secure lands for future recreational use
- ⇒ Review fees for all recreational activities for County and City residents
- ⇒ Opening all current and future school sites for public recreational access
- ⇒ Include a representative from the School Board on our committee
- ⇒ Include Senior Center with the Library expansion plans
- ⇒ Private sector partnerships i.e. churches, country clubs
- ⇒ Identify sports business opportunities
- ⇒ Identify special event partnerships
- ⇒ County responsibility for land acquisition and development
- ⇒ City responsibility for management and programming with county involvement
- ⇒ Expand city's ability to promote events with County
- ⇒ Explore development of park districts